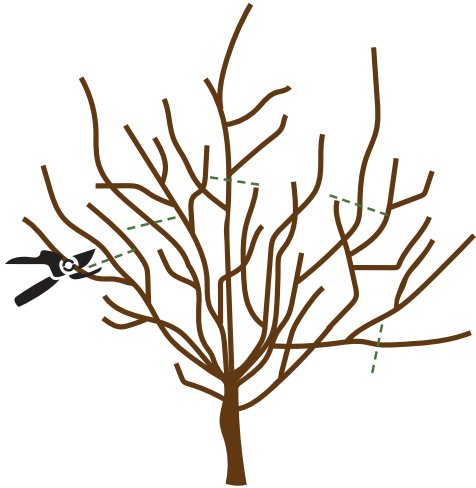


How To Prune Encore® Azaleas



DO:

Prune immediately after spring flowering for maximum bud set.



Light pruning of more established plants stimulates growth and flowering.

Prune tall shoots back inside the body of the plant.

Don'ts:

Avoid fall pruning – if you prune later in the year, you will be clipping off the buds that have set for the next bloom cycle.

These buds are preparing to bloom right after winter.

Be careful not to damage new bud clusters close to the old blooms you're removing.

Did You Know:

Encore Azaleas require **very little pruning** to retain good form and don't require "dead-heading".

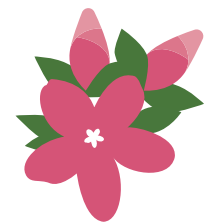
Dead-heading is removing dead flower heads from a plant to encourage further blooming.

If you need severe renewal pruning, do so late winter to early spring, just before new foliage flush.

Cut azaleas back to **12-14" from the ground**, even if this results in almost no foliage remaining.

You will lose all flower buds, which means you will probably not have fall blooms this year.

Your plant will be much smaller, but will grow quickly and be much healthier.



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